

# 3.7 Solving Problems with Trig

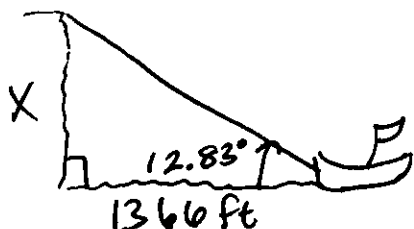
key 75pts.

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SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.

Solve the problem.

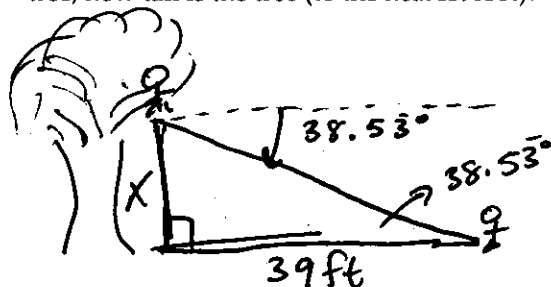
- 2 1) From a boat on the lake, the angle of elevation to the top of a cliff is  $12^{\circ}50'$ . If the base of the cliff is 1366 feet from the boat, how high is the cliff (to the nearest foot)? 1) \_\_\_\_\_



$$\tan 12.83^{\circ} = \frac{x}{1366}$$

$$x = 1366 \cdot \tan(12.83^{\circ}) \approx \boxed{311 \text{ ft}}$$

- 2 2) When sitting atop a tree and looking down at his pal Joey, the angle of depression of Mack's line of sight is  $38^{\circ}32'$ . If Joey is known to be standing 39 feet from the base of the tree, how tall is the tree (to the nearest foot)? 2) \_\_\_\_\_

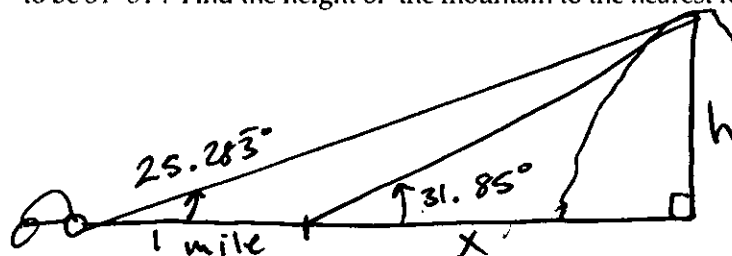


$$\tan 38.53^{\circ} = \frac{x}{39}$$

$$x = 39 \cdot \tan(38.53^{\circ})$$

$$x \approx \boxed{31 \text{ ft}}$$

- 2 3) Bob is driving along a straight and level road straight toward a mountain. At some point on his trip he measures the angle of elevation to the top of the mountain and finds it to be  $25^{\circ}17'$ . He then drives 1 mile (1 mile = 5280 ft) more and measures the angle of elevation to be  $31^{\circ}51'$ . Find the height of the mountain to the nearest foot. 3)  $h \approx 10,406 \text{ ft}$



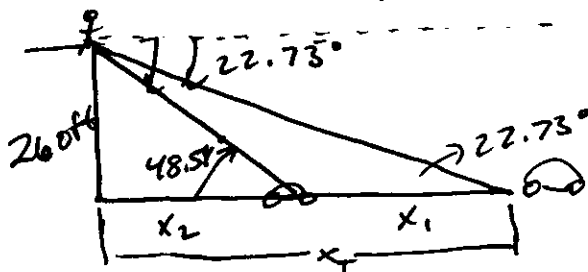
$$\tan 25.283^{\circ} = \frac{h}{x+5280} \rightarrow h = (x+5280) \cdot \tan(25.283^{\circ})$$

$$\tan 31.85^{\circ} = \frac{h}{x} \rightarrow h = x \cdot \tan(31.85^{\circ})$$

$$(x+5280)(\tan 25.283^{\circ}) = x \tan(31.85^{\circ})$$

Solve for x.  $x \approx 16738$ , then h.

- 2 4) A person is watching a car from the top of a building. The car is traveling on a straight road directly toward the building. When first noticed the angle of depression to the car is  $22^{\circ}44'$ . When the car stops, the angle of depression is  $48^{\circ}36'$ . The building is 260 feet tall. How far did the car travel from when it was first noticed until it stopped? Round your answer to the hundredths place. 4) \_\_\_\_\_



$$\tan 22.73^{\circ} = \frac{260}{x_T} \rightarrow x_T = \frac{260}{\tan 22.73^{\circ}} = 620.84$$

$$\tan 48.54^{\circ} = \frac{260}{x_2} \rightarrow x_2 = \frac{260}{\tan 48.54^{\circ}} = 229.22$$

$$x_T = x_1 + x_2$$

$$x_1 = x_T - x_2$$

$$x_1 = 620.84 - 229.22 = \boxed{391.32 \text{ ft}}$$

391.41 ft (rounding?)

5) The number of hours of darkness in a coastal town can be modeled by

5) \_\_\_\_\_

$f(x) = 6.1 \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{6}(x-2)\right] + 12.1$ , where  $x$  is the month and  $x = 1$  corresponds to January.

2 Approximate the number of hours of darkness in April, to the nearest tenth of an hour.

$$f(4) = 6.1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}(4-2)\right) + 12.1$$

$$= 15.2 \text{ hrs}$$

6) The position of a weight attached to a spring is  $s(t) = -4 \cos 5t$ . What are the frequency and period of the system?

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$b = 5$  period:  $\frac{2\pi}{5}$

frequency:  $\frac{5}{2\pi}$

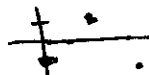
7) The position of a weight attached to a spring is  $s(t) = -6 \cos 16\pi t$  inches after  $t$  seconds.

7) \_\_\_\_\_

2 What is the maximum height that the weight reaches above the equilibrium position and when does it first reach the maximum height?

max height 6 inches.

at  $t = \frac{1}{16} = .0625$



Period  $\frac{2\pi}{16\pi} = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{16}$

8) A Ferris wheel 50 feet in diameter makes one revolution every 40 seconds. The center of the wheel is 30 feet above the ground. Write a cosine function to model the height of a car on the Ferris wheel at any time  $t$ .

8) \_\_\_\_\_

2  $h(t) = -25 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{20}t\right) + 30$

$\frac{1 \text{ rev}}{40 \text{ sec}} = \text{frequency}$

period =  $\frac{40 \text{ sec}}{1}$

$\frac{2\pi}{b} = 40$

$b = \frac{\pi}{20}$

$r = 25$

9) A buoy oscillates up and down as waves go past. The buoy moves a total of 4.2 feet from its low point to its high point, and then returns to its high point every 10 seconds. Write a cosine function modeling the buoy's vertical position at time  $t$ .

9) \_\_\_\_\_

$a = 2.1 \text{ ft}$

$y = -2.1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{10}t\right)$

max

$p = 20$

$20 = \frac{2\pi}{b} \quad b = \frac{2\pi}{20} = \frac{\pi}{10}$

10) Low tide is at 11:15 am and high tide is at 5:15 pm. The water level varies 68 inches between low and high tide. Write a cosine function to represent the change in water level.

10) \_\_\_\_\_

$f(t) = -34 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t\right)$

1 period = 12 hrs.

$12 = \frac{2\pi}{b}$

$b = \frac{2\pi}{12} = \frac{\pi}{6}$

Find all solutions in the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$ .

✓ 11)  $\sin x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$x = 5\pi/4, 7\pi/4$

11) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 12)  $\cos x = 1/2$

$x = \pi/3, 5\pi/3$

12) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 13)  $\tan x = -1$

$x = 3\pi/4, 7\pi/4$

13) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 14)  $\sec x = -2/\sqrt{3}$

$x = 5\pi/6, 7\pi/6$

14) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 15)  $\csc x = 2$

$x = \pi/6, 5\pi/6$

15) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 16)  $\cot x = -1$

$x = 3\pi/4, 7\pi/4$

16) \_\_\_\_\_

Use your calculator to find all solutions in the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$ .

✓ 17)  $\sin x = 0.33$

$x = 0.336 + x = 2.806$

17) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 18)  $\cos x = 0.59$

$x = 0.93 + x = 5.35$

18) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 19)  $\tan x = 1.615$

$x = 1.016 + x = 4.158$

19) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 20)  $\cos x = -0.36$

$x = 1.939 + x = 4.344$

20) \_\_\_\_\_

Find all solutions in the interval  $[0, 2\pi)$  for each trigonometric equation.

✓ 21)  $2\sin x + \sqrt{3} = 0$

$\frac{2\sin x}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \sin x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

21)  $x = 4\pi/3, 5\pi/3$

✓ 22)  $3\tan x - \sqrt{3} = 0$

$3\tan x = \sqrt{3}$   
 $\tan x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

22)  $x = \pi/6, 7\pi/6$

23)  $\cos x + \sqrt{2} = -\cos x$

3  $2\cos x = -\sqrt{2}$   
 $\cos x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

23)  $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$

3 24)  $4\tan x = 3 + \tan x$   
 $-\tan x$

$3\tan x = 3 \quad \tan x = 1$

24)  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$

5 25)  $2\cos x \sin x - \cos x = 0$

$\cos x (2\sin x - 1) = 0$

$\cos x = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$2\sin x - 1 = 0$

$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$

25) \_\_\_\_\_

5 26)  $4\cos^2 x - 1 = 0$

$(2\cos x + 1)(2\cos x - 1) = 0$   
 $\cos x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \cos x = \frac{1}{2}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

26) \_\_\_\_\_

4 27)  $2\sin^2 x + 3\sin x + 1 = 0$

$(2\sin x + 1)(\sin x + 1) = 0$   
 $\sin x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \sin x = -1$

$x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

27) \_\_\_\_\_

3 28)  $4\cos^2 x - 4\cos x + 1 = 0$

$(2\cos x - 1)(2\cos x - 1) = 0$   
 $\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$

$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

28) \_\_\_\_\_

3 29)  $2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x = 2$

$2\sin^2 x - 3\sin x - 2 = 0$

$\sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$(2\sin x + 1)(\sin x - 2) = 0$

$\sin x = 2$

$x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

29) \_\_\_\_\_

5 30)  $\tan x \sin^2 x = \tan x$

$\tan x \sin^2 x - \tan x = 0$

$\tan x (\sin^2 x - 1) = 0$   
 $\rightarrow (\sin x + 1)(\sin x - 1)$

$\tan x = 0 \quad \sin x = -1 \quad \sin x = 1$

$x = 0, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}$

30) \_\_\_\_\_